GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3147
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CHILDREN LANGUISHING IN JAILS
Dutt Smt. Priya Sunil

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sought information from the various State Governments regarding the children languishing in jails; and

(b) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b) : As per Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act 2000 children under pre-sentence detention are placed in Observation Homes while children who have been sentenced are placed in Special Homes. No child should be placed in jail as per the Act.

Hon'ble Supreme Court in a Writ Petition (Civil)559 of 1994 (R.D. Upadhyaya v/s State of Andhra Pradesh and Others) have issued guidelines to State Governments for providing various facilities to children living with their mothers in prison.State Governments have been directed to follow these guidelines which include providing the children with care,adequate clothing,educational and recreational facilities.